

Notice of Proposed Action

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State of Nevada

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that a renewal application for the Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Mill 4, Tailings Storage Facility 1, Tailings Storage Facility 2**, an existing mining facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Permit NEV92100 is:

Newmont Gold Company
P.O. Box 669
Carlin, Nevada 89822-0669

Mill 4 and its associated Tailings Storage Facility 1 and Tailings Storage Facility 2 are located approximately 25 miles northwest of the town of Carlin, in the Little Boulder Basin along the west flank of the Tuscarora Mountains, Eureka County, Nevada. The project components are situated within Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 32, and 33, Township 36 North, Range 50 East, and Section 3, Township 35 North, Range 50 East, Mount Diablo Baseline & Meridian.

The project, currently in planned temporary closure (NAC 445A.444), consists of a cyanidization Mill 4 and its two tailings impoundments, the adjacent Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) 1 and the 2.5-miles distant Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) 2. Mill 4 and all interconnected components are within secondary containment. Major facility components include a crushing plant, eight carbon-in-leach (CIL) tanks, tailings delivery pipelines, the two tailings storage facilities, two double-lined and leak-detected reclaim ponds, a HDPE-lined emergency catchment basin, and a Caro's acid cyanide detoxification plant for protection of wildlife. Gold ore is pulverized and leached with weak cyanide solution. The leached gold is recovered by the CIL process utilizing activated carbon. The loaded carbon is trucked to an on-site refinery, stripped of gold and associated metals, and then reactivated for reuse. Spent tailings can be piped to either TSF 1 or TSF 2 where it is deposited by sub-aerial technique. Tailings water is reclaimed for use in the milling process.

Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated, and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event.

The Administrator is constrained to issue a water pollution control permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the

tentative determination to issue the permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, NAC Chapter 445A, must submit their comments, objections, or requests no later than 30 days following the date of publication of this notice to:

Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
Capitol Complex
333 W. Nye Lane, Room 138
Carson City, NV 89706-0851

All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information, contact Miles Shaw at (775) 687-4670, extension 3125, or toll free in Nevada at (800) 992-0900, extension 4670. Additional information may be found on the Bureau's website at <http://ndep.state.nv.us/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>